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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Application No. 09/702,134

Filed:

October 31, 2000

Title:

Plant Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof

Applicants:

BOUKHAROV et al.

Atty. Docket: 16517.114

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

- 1. a Response to Office Action mailed August 12, 2003; and
- 2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.114. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 

In re Patent Application of:

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Attn: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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